COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, *the* *13th of December 1928.*
28th of Vrischigam 1104.

The House met at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. I. E. Ambooken and T. K. Nayar were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Defalcation of Stamps in the Excise Superintendent's Office.

152. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what has become of the departmental enquiry referred to in the answer to question No. 16 (c) of the Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1103?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The enquiry is completed. The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mortality among cattle and preventive measures taken by the Government to check it.

153. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government is aware of the abnormal rate of mortality among the cattle in the State during the last 3 months;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any extra measure to cope with the disease raging among the cattle in the country;

(c) whether any extra expenditure has been incurred on this head?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Panchayats and Village Offices were instructed to give timely intimation of the out-break of cattle disease in any villages to the nearest Veterinary Officer. Preventive measures were taken at once by the latter to check the spread of the disease. Medical aid was also given whenever found necessary.

(c) Yes. Rs. 551 towards the cost of serum purchased from Muktesar for free inoculation.

154. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government is aware of the abnormal rate of mortality among the cattle in the State during the last six months;

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(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any extra measure to cope with the disease raging among the cattle in the country ;

(c) whether any extra expenditure has been incurred on this head ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 153.

155. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what are the epidemics that affect the cattle in general ;

(2) what are the preventive measures adopted by the Cochin Veterinary Department ;

(3) how far they have been successful ;

(4) do the Government get down Antihaemorrhagic Septicemia ;

(5) what medicine other than the serum is used for inoculation ;

(6) does the Veterinary Department inoculate acid carbolic lotion as preventive against haemorrhagic Septicemia, anthrax, rinder pest and foot and mouth disease ;

(7) has it any effective preventive action and for how many days ;

(8) has any one protested against inoculating it :

(9) is the Superintendent of Agriculture in a position to state the extent of cattle mortality in the State in the months of Edavam, Mithunam and Karkadagam 1103 and Chingam 1104 ;

(10) in view of the vide spread and virulent cattle disease in the above months, has the Government done anything to strengthen the Veterinary force or otherwise take measures to give greater Veterinary aid ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Anthrax, rinder pest, foot and mouth disease and haemorrhagic Septicemia.

(2) Advice is given regarding segregating, housing, feeding, etc., of animals and for disinfecting stalls with a view to prevent the out-break of contagious diseases, inducing ryots not to skin out the carcasses of animals suspected or have died of contagious diseases and to bury them with the skin in tact. Besides preventive inoculation as far as practicable for such of the diseases as are amenable to such treatment is being carried out to the extent to which circumstances permit.

(3) They have been successful in proportion to the intensity of virulence of the out-breaks.

(4) No.

(5) The question is not intelligible.

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